

foreign national. Let me be clear, Mr. Speaker, in stating that the purpose of this legislation is to solve environmental crises that, while binational in nature, are adversely impacting communities in the United States. This is not public works legislation for Mexico, but a public health bill for the United States.

With the creation of the North American Development Bank [NADBANK] and the Border Environmental Cooperation Commission, we have begun the process of solving transboundary environmental problems in a binational manner. As the Federal agency with the primary responsibility for protecting human health and the environment, it is only proper that the EPA be able to commit its funds and resources to improving one of the most environmentally damaged areas of our country.

This bill is a Federal solution to a Federal problem, and I urge my colleagues to support its inclusion in the reauthorization of the Clean Water Act.

Mr. Speaker, I am also introducing, at the request of the administration, a bill to protect the environment and human health of those persons living in colonias along the border in the United States. These unincorporated communities lack basic waste water infrastructure and are being severely polluted by raw or partially treated sewage. Surface and groundwater contamination is rampant and these areas are fast becoming human health disasters.

The bill would authorize the EPA to make grants for the construction of wastewater treatment works to service these colonias. Under the provisions of the legislation, the States are required to provide 50 percent of the funding for these projects. There is desperate need for this assistance along our border with Mexico, especially in the State of Texas. Once again, Mr. Speaker, I want to make it clear that these monies are for waste water treatment works to benefit communities in the United States that are in desperate need of infrastructure most of us would consider rudimentary.

I want to acknowledge the leadership of Congressmen RON COLEMAN and KIKI DE LA GARZA in providing for colonias. Both members have introduced legislation to meet the needs of these communities, and I look forward to working with them to ensure that colonias all along the border become safe and healthy places in which to live.

Finally, Mr. Speaker, I want to thank EPA Administrator Carol Browner for her leadership on these matters. Finally, after years of neglect under previous administrations, the United States-Mexico border is beginning to receive the attention it desperately needs. I commend Administrator Browner for her fine work and look forward to our continued efforts to improve the environment and health of our border communities.

#### TRIBUTE HONORING THE DELPHOS HERALD ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

### HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 1995*

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it gives me great pleasure to rise today and pay tribute to one of the great newspapers of Ohio. This

year the Delphos Herald in Delphos, OH, celebrates its 125th year of publication. The city of Delphos is a community renowned for its civic pride and commitment to service. The paper has through the years epitomized this outstanding quality.

For the first quarter century, the Herald was a weekly paper. Its first editor in 1869 was David H. Tolan, and it was independent in its politics until 1877. After that, historical records indicate the Courant, a Herald rival, was considered the Republican newspaper while the Herald the Democrats'. Later both became nonpartisan and both served the community until 1961. In that year, the Herald was sold to its present owners and the Courant was discontinued.

Over the years, the Herald has been the chronicle of change. Marriage, births, and funeral announcements are dutifully reported to the area, as well as national news including the exploits of those of us in Congress. This hometown newspaper has consistently benefited from a high caliber personnel, including my chief of staff Mark Wellman, who in high school was a sports reporter for the Herald. In all this time, the Herald has distinguished itself as a quality newspaper. Under the leadership of its longtime editor, Esther Bielawski, I am confident it will continue to prosper.

Mr. Speaker, anniversaries are a time to reflect upon a steadfast tradition of service. They are also a time to look toward new horizons. It is obvious that the city of Delphos and the surrounding area have greatly benefited from the effort that was started in 1869. I ask my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the achievements of the Delphos Herald and encourage the staff to continue to uphold what has become the standard for excellence in Ohio.

#### LEON P. KLEMENTOWICZ HONORED AS 1995 PULASKIAN OF THE YEAR

### HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 1995*

Mrs. MALONEY. I rise today to bring to the attention of my colleagues an outstanding constituent of mine in Greenpoint, Brooklyn. Leon P. Klementowicz represents the best of what Brooklyn is all about: Community, public service, and love for family. In recognition of his accomplishments, the Pulaski Association has selected Leon P. Klementowicz as its 1995 Pulaskian of the Year.

In order to truly appreciate Leon's long list of achievements, it helps to know a little bit about his upbringing. Leon is the youngest of three children born to Joseph Klementowicz and Stophie Sokolowska who had emigrated from Poland to the Melrose section of the Bronx, New York. After Leon's graduation from high school, he was drafted into the U.S. Army and served proudly during World War II. Rising to the rank of Combat Sergeant in the Third Infantry Division, Leon served on the front lines in Italy at (Anzio), France, Germany and Austria. During that time his bravery earned him the Silver Star, the Bronze Star and the Combat Infantry Badge.

After returning home from the war, he entered the funeral profession and married Irene Nieminski. Together they raised four wonderful

children: Joanne, Claudia Marie, Monica and Paul Leon. In 1958, they purchased the John Smolenski Funeral Home in Greenpoint, Brooklyn and became active members of the SS. Cyril and Methodius Parish.

Leon is also an active member of many other organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, the Polish legion of American Veterans, the Fidelity Council of the Nights of Columbus, the Kosciuszko Foundation, the Smolenski Democratic Club and the Green Oaks Citizen's Club. He is also a director of the Polish and Slavic Center, an organization of over 35,000 members located in his beloved Greenpoint.

His work with Polish immigrants newly arrived in Greenpoint is well known throughout the community. His work earned Leon recognition by the Polish Government, which presented him with a medal at their consulate in Manhattan.

One of the most important community activities Leon takes part in every year is the Pulaski Day Parade. He took part in the very first Pulaski Day Parade in 1987 and has been an active member of the parade committee for over 35 years. He currently serves as a vice president on the committee and has been involved for many years in the coordination of the Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Parade Day. Leon has also helped to reorganize the Greenpoint Parade Committee which has become one of the largest and well prepared groups in the parade.

Mr. Speaker, it is my great honor to help Leon Klementowicz celebrate his selection as 1995's Pulaskian of the Year. He exemplifies what is best about America, and I ask that my colleagues join me in saluting Leon for his years of service to New York City and the Polish-America Community at-large.

#### 174 YEARS OF GREEK NATIONAL INDEPENDENCE

### HON. BOB FILNER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, March 28, 1995*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the 174th anniversary of Greek national independence, and to call for support here in the U.S. Congress for the rights of Greek nationals worldwide.

As we celebrate Greece's successful struggle for independence from the Ottoman Empire in 1821, let us not forget the continuing struggles of Greek people today—for basic religious and linguistic rights in Albania and Turkey, for peaceful coexistence and freedom in Cyprus, and for greater recognition of Greek sovereignty by its neighbors in Macedonia. The Greek people deserve our strong support as they strive for the very same rights and values we Americans hold so dear.

In my district, California's 50th Congressional District, I have the privilege of working with the George Pollos San Diego Chapter No. 505 of the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association [AHEPA]. These Greek-Americans promote educational opportunities in the community, and are actively involved in international humanitarian issues. I am honored to join with them today to pay tribute to the Republic of Greece on its 174th birthday, and to call for congressional attention